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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: M. Nakamura, et al. CONFIRMATION NO: 2694
SERIAL NO. 09/600,936 GROUP: 2621
FILED: October 3, 2000 EXAMINER: Edwards, P. L.
FOR: IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE AND METHOD

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P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The following is in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 27, 2005 in connection with the above-referenced application.

The Applicants believe that a one-month extension of time is required since this response is being filed within one-month of the specified time period. The Applicants, however, conditionally petition for a further extension of time to provide for the possibility that such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked and is required. As provided below, charge Deposit Account **04-1105** for any required fee.

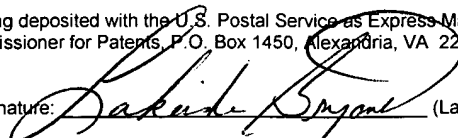
Please preliminarily amend the application as follows:

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